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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 8 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

Briefing by Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Afghanistan (S/1998/1139 and S/1998/1140)*

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.

82nd PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/53/L.31, A/53/L.64) [20 (b)]

(continued overleaf)

2. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [52]
3. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [53]
4. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [54]
5. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [55]
6. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [56]
7. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [43]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/564)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.57)
 - (c) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/732)

3 p.m.

83rd PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

1. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/627) [146]
2. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/628) [147]
3. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/629) [148]
4. United Nations Decade of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/630) [149]
5. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/631) [150]
6. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/632) [151]
7. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/633) [152]
8. Establishment of an international criminal court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/634) [153]
9. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/635) [154]
10. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/636) [155]
11. Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/637) [156]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

- 10 a.m. 41st meeting Conference Room 3
1. United Nations pension system [121]
Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.15
 2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]
First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8)
Conclusion of general discussion
Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.7)
Conclusion of general discussion
 3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]
Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1)
Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8) and tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.8)) and 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1))

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account and utilization of the development dividend (A/52/1009, A/53/7/Add.1, A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4, A/C.5/53/30, A/53/664 and A/C.5/53/40)) and 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subject

Meeting with the Panel of External Auditors

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), today, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 8 December 1998

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP: SECOND COMMITTEE EXPERTS

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 9

There will be meetings of the Technical Group of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) *today*, 8 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

Dialogue

A dialogue on "Responses of Transition Economies to the Global Financial Crisis", organized by the United Nations Development Programme, will take place *today*, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Keynote addresses will be made by Mr. Eduardo Aninat, Minister of Finance of Chile, and senior governmental officials from Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

GROUP OF 77 (on Third Committee matters)

11.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS*Wednesday, 9 December 1998***GENERAL ASSEMBLY***Fifty-third session*

10 a.m.

84th PLENARY MEETING**General Assembly Hall**

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan: the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 45]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/346, A/53/455, A/53/695)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.66)

3 p.m.

85th PLENARY MEETING**General Assembly Hall**

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/53/615) [100]
2. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/53/616) [101]
3. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/53/617) [102]
4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/53/618) [103]
5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: report of the Third Committee (A/53/619) [104]
6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/53/620) [105]
7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/53/621) [106]
8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/53/622) [107]
9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]:
 - (a) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/623)
 - (b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/727)
10. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/53/624) [109]
11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625) [110]:
 - (a) Implementation of human rights instruments:
 - (i) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.1)
 - (ii) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/728)
 - (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.2)

- (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.3)
- (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.4)
- (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.5)

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/53/614) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS**

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be conducted by Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Wednesday, 9 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

The Committee will also hold an informal meeting with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations on Friday, 11 December (time and place to be announced).

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Permanent missions must ensure that standard delegation passes are obtained and other logistic arrangements are made for their participating representatives.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

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There will be a meeting of the Asian Regional Group of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund on Wednesday, 9 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review developments in 1998, the election of the President of the Executive Board and other matters.

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Informal presentation

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A presentation on "Science for the Sustainability Transition", organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will be given by Professor William Clark, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, on Friday, 11 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 4 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

79th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 63 to 80.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields: report of the First Committee (A/53/576) [63]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/576) (resolution 53/70).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

Maintenance of international security – prevention of the violent disintegration of States: report of the First Committee (A/53/577) [64]

By 156 votes to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/53/577) (resolution 53/71).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/53/578) [65]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/578) (resolution 53/72).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/53/579) [66]

By 99 votes to 45, with 23 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/579) (resolution 53/73).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/53/580) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/580) (resolution 53/74).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/53/581) [68]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee (A/53/581).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/53/582) [69]

By 117 votes to 0, with 52 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/582) (resolution 53/75).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/53/583) [70]

By 165 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/583) (resolution 53/76).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/53/584) [71]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 89 of its report (A/53/584).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Malta, Hungary (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Botswana, El Salvador, Zambia and the Russian Federation.

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
Draft resolution A (resolution 53/77 A)		adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 53/77 B)		adopted	
Draft resolution C (resolution 53/77 C)		adopted	
Draft resolution D (resolution 53/77 D)		adopted	
Draft resolution E Fourth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	152	0	13
Draft resolution E as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 E)	169	0	1
Draft resolution F Operative paragraph 3 (recorded vote)	99	0	68
Draft resolution F as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 F)	108	45	17
Draft resolution G (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 G)	118	9	33
Draft resolution H (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 H)	63	44	47
Draft resolution I (resolution 53/77 I)		adopted	
Draft resolution J (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 J)	170	0	4

Draft resolution K (resolution 53/77 K)		adopted	
Draft resolution L (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 L)	168	0	5
Draft resolution M (resolution 53/77 M)		adopted	
Draft resolution N (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 N)	147	0	21
Draft resolution O (resolution 53/77 O)		adopted	
Draft resolution P (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 P)	164	1	2
Draft resolution Q "and South Asia" at the end of operative para- graph 3 (recorded vote)	141	2	20
Draft resolution Q Operative paragraph 3 as a whole (recorded vote)	146	2	15
Draft resolution Q as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 Q)	154	3	10
Draft resolution R as orally revised (resolution 53/77 R)		adopted	
Draft resolution S Eighth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	163	2	3
Draft resolution S Operative paragraph 3 (b) (recorded vote)	95	47	18
Draft resolution S as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 S)	104	46	17
Draft resolution T (resolution 53/77 T)		adopted	

Draft resolution U Second preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	159	1	3
Draft resolution U Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	166	3	2
Draft resolution U as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 U)	160	0	11
Draft resolution V Operative paragraph 4 (recorded vote)	156	0	10
Draft resolution V Operative paragraph 6 (recorded vote)	155	0	11
Draft resolution V as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 V)	159	0	12
Draft resolution W Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	159	4	8
Draft resolution W as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 W)	123	25	25
Draft resolution X (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 X)	110	41	18
Draft resolution Y Operative paragraph 8 (recorded vote)	160	3	2
Draft resolution Y Operative paragraph 17 (recorded vote)	156	1	5
Draft resolution Y as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 Y)	114	18	38
Draft resolution Z (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 Z)	166	0	8
Draft resolution AA (resolution 53/77 AA)	adopted		

Statements in explanation of the vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Brazil, Pakistan, Mongolia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Thailand, Yemen and Cameroon.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of Algeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/53/585) [72]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 24 of its report (A/53/585).

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Draft resolution A (resolution 53/78 A)		adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 53/78 B)		adopted	
Draft resolution C (resolution 53/78 C)		adopted	
Draft resolution D Eighth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	103	39	21
Draft resolution D as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/78 D)	111	39	22
Draft resolution E (resolution 53/78 E)		adopted	
Draft resolution F (resolution 53/78 F)		adopted	
Draft resolution G (resolution 53/78 G)		adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/53/586) [73]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/586) (resolutions 53/79 A and B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/53/587) [74]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/587).

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Draft resolution Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	162	2	2
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/80)	158	2	11

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/53/588) [75]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/588) (resolution 53/81).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/53/589) [76]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/589) (resolution 53/82).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/53/590) [77]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/590) (resolution 53/83).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/53/591) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/591) (resolution 53/84).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/53/592) [79]

By 164 votes to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/53/592).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (A/53/593) [80]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee (A/53/593).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee.

Monday, 7 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

80th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [8]:

(a) Third report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.2):

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to consider agenda item 167 entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" directly in plenary meeting.

The Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly".

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/235)

The Assembly decided to waive the provision of rule 40 of its rules of procedure.

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-third session an additional sub-item entitled "Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee" under agenda item 17 (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments) and to allocate the additional sub-item to the Fifth Committee.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: special report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/726) [3]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 7 of its special report (A/53/726) (resolution 53/23 B).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [36]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/672):

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.60):

(c) Amendment (A/53/L.61)

The representative of Poland made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.60.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment contained in document A/53/L.61.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Slovakia, Malta, Ukraine, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, the Russian Federation, Croatia, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Kazakhstan.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/5 of 13 October 1993, the Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe made a statement.

The representative of Armenia moved on a point of order, under rule 74 of the rules of procedure, that no action be taken with respect to the amendment (A/53/L.61).

The representative of Azerbaijan spoke against the motion.

By 32 votes to 1, with 96 abstentions (recorded vote), the motion for no action was not adopted.

In accordance with rule 90 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly proceeded to vote on the amendment (A/53/L.61).

By 114 votes to 1, with 20 abstentions (recorded vote), the amendment contained in document A/53/L.61 was adopted.

The Assembly then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/53/L.60 as amended.

By 143 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.60 as amended (resolution 53/85).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Armenia and China.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 36.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: special report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/726) [3]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 3.

H.E. Mr. Hor Nam Hong, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, made a statement.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

81st plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 81st plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1998/236).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8)

The Chairman informed the Committee that it would conclude the general discussion of this question Tuesday, 8 December, in the morning.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1)

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Guatemala (on behalf of the States of Central America and the Dominican Republic), Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The Chairman informed the Committee that it would conclude the general discussion of this question Tuesday, 8 December, in the morning.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4, A/C.5/53/30, A/53/664 and A/C.5/53/40)

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consideration of this question would be held in the context of the ongoing informal consultations on the matter.

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Respect for privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations including a section on the ability of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations to carry out their functions as a result of Member States' restrictions (A/C.5/52/2 and A/53/501)

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and Rwanda.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consideration of this question would be held in the context of the ongoing informal consultations on the item.

Organization of work

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council today, 8 December 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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**Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights
at United Nations Headquarters**

General Assembly*10 December 1998*

*Plenary meeting
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

General Assembly Hall

Opening of the commemoration

Award of human rights prizes

Conference Room 4

Statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

*Plenary meeting
3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.*

Conference Room 4

Continuation of the commemoration: statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

*Plenary meeting
starting at 9.30 p.m.*

Conference Room 4

Continuation of the commemoration: statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

List of speakers for the commemoration

1. Algeria
2. New Zealand
3. United States
4. United Kingdom (The Rt. Hon. Clare Short, MP, Secretary of State for International Development)
5. Norway (H.E. Ms. Hilde Frafjord Johnson, Minister for International Development and Human Rights)
6. Japan
7. Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
8. Canada
9. Kyrgyzstan

10. Mexico (H.E. Carmen Moreno de Del Cueto, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs)
11. Syrian Arab Republic
12. Jordan
13. Australia
14. Andorra
15. Palestine¹
16. Oman
17. Benin
18. Mozambique
19. Monaco
20. Iceland
21. Botswana
22. Tunisia
23. Mongolia
24. Singapore
25. Argentina
26. Brazil
27. Croatia
28. Nigeria
29. Cuba
30. Ecuador
31. Chile
32. Thailand (H.E. M.R. Sukhumband Paribatra, Deputy Foreign Minister)
33. Colombia
34. Peru
35. China
36. Romania
37. Lithuania (H.E. Mr. Vytautas Pakalniskis, Minister of Justice)
38. Malta
39. Costa Rica
40. Pakistan
41. Uganda
42. Venezuela (H.E. Mr. Asdrubal Aguiar, Minister of Internal Relations)
43. Ukraine
44. Liechtenstein
45. Bangladesh
46. India
47. Egypt
48. Belarus
49. Guyana
50. United Arab Emirates
51. El Salvador
52. Malaysia
53. Kazakhstan
54. Paraguay
55. Uruguay
56. Lebanon
57. Burkina Faso
58. Poland (H.E. Mr. Janusz Stańczyk, Deputy Foreign Minister)

* See list of speakers below. At its 76th plenary meeting on 2 December 1998, the General Assembly decided that statements made in the plenary during the commemoration would be limited to five minutes.

59. Germany
60. Senegal
61. Solomon Islands
62. South Africa
63. Turkey
64. Philippines
65. Georgia
66. Republic of Korea
67. Morocco
68. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
69. Côte d'Ivoire
70. Israel
71. Islamic Republic of Iran
72. Namibia
73. Yemen
74. Cyprus
75. Czech Republic
76. Myanmar
77. Hungary
78. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
79. Republic of Moldova
80. Russian Federation
81. Sri Lanka
82. Viet Nam
83. Bahrain
84. Cameroon
85. Armenia
86. Latvia
87. Samoa
88. Haiti
89. Azerbaijan
90. Honduras
91. Bulgaria
92. Indonesia
93. Fiji
94. United Republic of Tanzania
95. Liberia
96. Lesotho
97. Niger
98. Dominican Republic
99. Guatemala
100. Italy
101. Jamaica
102. Maldives
103. Qatar
104. Panama
105. Mali
106. Eritrea
107. Lao People's Democratic Republic
108. Uzbekistan
109. Democratic Republic of the Congo

1. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Dr. Astrid Heiberg President)
2. Switzerland
3. Holy See (H.E. Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, Secretary for Relations with States and Special Envoy of His Holiness Pope John Paul II)
4. International Committee of the Red Cross
5. Latin American Parliament (Mr. Juan Adolfo Singer, MP, President)

Other events at Headquarters

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media.]

8-9 December 1998

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium *today and tomorrow*, 8 and 9 December

Screening of each film at 6 p.m., each followed by a panel discussion

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- 9.15 a.m. to
9.30 a.m. Video conference between H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic
- 11.15 a.m. Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]
- 11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)
- 12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (English, 30 minutes). Panel discussion to follow (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)
- 1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)
- 1.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "Tous les êtres humains..." (French, 30 minutes) (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)
- 2 p.m. to
5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)

5.30 p.m. Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by United Nations Messengers of Peace (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

6.30 p.m. Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presentation of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Com-

missioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

8 p.m. to

9.15 p.m. Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.*

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